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**CHIANG ANNOUNCES ANNUAL BUSINESS AND PROPERTY
TAXPAYERS BILL OF RIGHTS HEARINGS**

The State Board of Equalization will conduct the Business and Property Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearing next Wednesday in Culver City to take public comment on issues regarding business and property taxes. The hearing will take place at the BOE's District Office, 5901 Green Valley Circle, Suite 207, Culver City, at approximately 1:30p.m.

"The BOE can learn much from taxpayers' valuable insights, experiences, and suggestions," said John Chiang, Chair of BOE. "As elected officials accountable to the state's taxpayers, we rely on this feedback to improve our services and ensure they are meeting the needs of California."

The annual Bill of Rights hearings on Business and Property taxes allows taxpayers and other interested persons to offer suggestions, comments and concerns about tax administration. Topics may include agency services, tax-related legislation, and other issues relating to property taxes, sales and use taxes, environmental fees, fuel and excise taxes.

Taxpayers' Bill of Rights 2005 Hearing Schedule

Culver City

Board of Equalization District Office
5901 Green Valley Circle, Suite 207
Wednesday, September 21, 2005
1:30 p.m.

Sacramento

Capitol Square Building
450 N Street, 1st Floor Board Room
Tuesday, October 25, 2005
1:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov

Chairman John Chiang, of Los Angeles, was elected to his first term as Fourth District Member on the State Board of Equalization in 1998, and re-elected in 2002. He was named Chair of the Board in December 2004. He also presided as Chair in 2002.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects more than \$44 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District; and State Controller Steve Westly.

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